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Subject: **Swans Island Ferry Terminal**

Federal Project No: BH-7826(210)X

State Project No. 007826.21

Amendment No. 2

Dear Sir/Ms:

Make the follow change to the Bid Document:

In the Bid Book (page 174), SECTION 530, ROUND TIMBER PILES, last paragraph, **DELETE** in its entirety, the sentence that reads; "**Pile heads shall be capped with clear, (unless otherwise indicated) cast-in-place fiberglass, extending 4 inches down the sides of the pile.**" Make this change in pen and ink.

The following questions have been received:

Question: Pile Reinforcement, W-06, and the L4x4x½x3, what are the coating requirements?

Response: The angles for the pile reinforcement on sheet W-06 shall be coated with a primer coat as specified in Section 506 of the specifications.

Question: Item 530.70, Timber Piles Delivered and Installed, Sheet W-04, Note #2 All timbers vertical and batter shall have driven capacity of 16 Tons. Please provide pile lengths required or minimum embedment length.

Response: The question concerning timber pile lengths is being reviewed and will be answered within the next few days.

Question: Are all timber piles to receive a fiberglass pile cap?

Response: Timber piles are not required to have fiberglass pile caps. Disregard fiberglass caps in Section 530 of the specifications, see the above pen and ink change.

Question: Reference the Cross Chains for the Northern and Southern Berthing Fence (W-11). What size is the chain and should there be ½" plate washers for the eyebolt?



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Response: Cross chains for both the northern and southern berthing fences shall be hot dip galvanized 3/4 inch diameter, long link deck chains with a minimum working strength of 14,000 lbs. The tension adjusters shall be of similar strength. Chains shall be connected to the 1 inch eye bolts with 7/8 inch bolt type chain shackles with a minimum working load capacity of 13,000 lbs. The eyebolts shall have 4.5"x4.5"x.375" galvanized plate washers and the piles shall be trimmed so the washers are fully bearing.

Question: Northern Berthing Fence detail, timber splice detail for 12 x 12 timber resting against the rubber fender unit.

Response: On the northern berthing fence, the 12"x12" timber wales shall be spliced at the midpoint of the berthing fence with an 8"x13"x3/8" thick steel plate. See sketch SK-02 Wale Splice.

Question: Reference the Spec Book, Section 501.02, Foundation Piles Material, third line, seamless or fusion welded. Is fusion welded the same as ERW straight seam?

Response: Fusion welded is the same as ERW straight seam.

Question: Is this project Buy America?

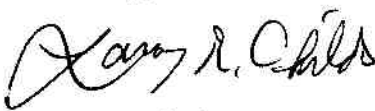

Response: Yes, the project is "Buy America".

Question: Reference Bid Item 652.361, Maintenance of Traffic Control Devices. Please outline what you expect for traffic control?

Response: Traffic to and from the pier and the Town's facility is to be maintained at all times. Should the contractor's construction activities or staging operations require traffic control devices to maintain safe access, then the contractor should carry that effort within this bid item. This item may include but is not limited to fencing, temporary barriers, directional signage, message boards, cones and other items that may be necessary to control safe access within the contractor's operational area.

Consider these changes and information prior to submitting your bid on **May 6, 2009**.

Sincerely,


For  Scott Bickford
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